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## McCone Picks Career Man To Head C. I. A. Planning

**Helms, Intelligence Expert, Will Succeed  
Bissell, Who Directed Cuban Invasion  
Agency's No. 2 Post Still Open**

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—John A. McCone, the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has begun to select the agency's high command by putting a career intelligence man in charge of its planning.

He has chosen Richard M. Helms, an assistant director, to succeed Richard M. Bissell as deputy director for plans.

Mr. Bissell's resignation, long rumored, and the prospective appointment of Mr. Helms were affirmed today by a C. I. A. spokesman. Mr. Bissell was in charge of the ill-starred invasion of Cuba last spring.

A former professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Bissell will leave the Federal service and take a job with what he described as a "semi-private" organization. He declined to elaborate on the nature of the organization or to specify his new duties. The informa-

tion was obtained from a source familiar with the agency's plans. The C. I. A. says that he is a career intelligence man. Mr. Helms is taking over the job that in the past has been held by a military man or a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The No. 2 deputy director—has been vacant since the retirement Jan. 31 of Air Force Gen. G. P. Cabell. Mr. McCone is expected to pick another military man as his successor. Robert Armitage will continue as deputy director for intelligence.

Both Mr. Helms and Allen W. Dulles, then C. I. A. director, were reported to have submitted their resignations shortly after the failure of the Cuban invasion last April.

The acceptance of Mr. Dulles' resignation was delayed until Sept. 27 and Mr. Bissell's until some months later. The

agency's No. 1 position was held by Mr. Dulles until he was replaced by Mr. McCone. Mr. Helms was leaving under duress because of the Cuban affair.

Mr. Bissell was long associated with the academic community before joining the C. I. A. under Mr. Dulles. He was well acquainted with some of the intellectuals brought to the White House when President Kennedy took office.

A highly articulate man, he is said to have convinced those Presidential associates that the Cuban expedition was feasible. They, in turn, are credited with having helped to convince the President.

### Favors a Fresh Start

While Mr. McCone obviously wants to avoid the impression that Mr. Bissell is being blamed for the Cuban failure, he nevertheless seems to believe that a fresh start should be made in the delicate field of covert operations.

Mr. Helms, now 48 years old, joined the United States Intelligence Service in World War II. He served in the European Theatre with the Office of Strategic Services, a predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency.

He was born in St. Davids, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, attended preparatory schools in New Jersey, Switzerland and

Germany, and was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

In the 1940s, during Mr. Helms' war years, he was a correspondent for The United Press, now United Press International, in London and Berlin.

Later he joined the Scripps Howard newspaper organization. He was advertising manager of The Indianapolis Times at the start of World War II. He speaks several languages.

It is understood that he was not involved in the Cuban operation.